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I need your help. Losses in fiscal year 2005 alone represented over two battalions of combat power, yet less than half of these losses were the result of hostile action. The preventable loss of even one member of the Army team Soldier, civilian, or supporting contractor is unacceptable.

This is where safety must be addressed through Composite Risk Management (CRM). This concept allows each of us to identify, evaluate and manage potential risk and then make informed decisions to reduce or eliminate those risks and stay in the fight.

Over the next months you will be receiving tools and methods to help expand the reach of understanding CRM through the Army's "Own the Edge" campaign. Use these products and help get the messages out.

Thanks for your commitment to reducing losses and preserving our human capital on the battlefield.

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